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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **SB 37** - 01/21/2003

Introduced by: The Committee on Transportation at the request of the Department of  
Revenue

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the issuance of a unique identifier to certain  
2 motor vehicle owners.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. Any owner of a motor vehicle which is used to transport passengers or property  
5 and meets one of the following:

6 (1) Has a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, inclusive of a  
7 towed unit;

8 (2) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more;

9 (3) Is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver; or

10 (4) Is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for  
11 the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and which require the  
12 motor vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 C.F.R.  
13 part 172, subpart R) as of January 1, 2003;

14 shall at the time of registration either provide their United States Department of Transportation  
15 assigned carrier number or be assigned a South Dakota number. An applicant who does not have



1 a United States Department of Transportation number or a South Dakota assigned number shall  
2 apply for a number at the time of registration by completing an application form prescribed by  
3 the secretary. Anyone wishing to obtain a unique identifier for vehicles 26,000 pounds or less  
4 for the purpose of registering the units may do so upon completion of an application form.

5 Section 2. Any South Dakota number assigned pursuant to this Act may be, but is not  
6 required to be, displayed on the outside of the vehicle. Upon request of an authorized agent or  
7 enforcement agent, the owner of the vehicle shall make available the assigned number. The  
8 owner of the vehicle shall notify the department if there is a change to the owner's assigned  
9 number.

10 Section 3. If the owner fails to report or apply for either the United States Department of  
11 Transportation number or the South Dakota number as required by this Act, the department shall  
12 suspend the owner's registration.